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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FMS SALE OF CH-47 HELICOPTERS TO GREECE

REF: STATE 072947

1. RE PARAS 3.A. AND 5 REFTTEL, CONGRESS WAS PROVIDED FORMAL CERTIFICATION ON MAY12 REGARDING THE PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE FMS SALE OF TEN CH-47 HELICOPTERS TO GREECE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, AS AMENDED, THE QUOTE LETTER OF OFFER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE CONGRESS, WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIVING SUCH CERTIFICATION, ADOPTS A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING THAT IT OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED SALE UNQUOTE.

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2. FOLLOWING ARE THE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED POLICY JUSTIFICATION WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE CERTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS: QUOTE GREECE HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PURCHASING MEDIUM TO HEAVY LIFT HELICOPTERS. THIS PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER PROVIDES FOR THE SALE TO GREECE OF 10 CH-47 HELICOPTERS WITH SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF \$61.3 MILLION. THE CH-47

IS AN ALL-WEATHER MEDIUM TRANSPORT HELICOPTER WHICH WILL REPLACE SEVERAL OLDER MODEL HELICOPTERS IN THE GREEK MILITARY INVENTORY, THEREBY IMPROVING THE AIR LIFT CAPABILITY OF THE GREEK ARMY. THIS SALE FURTHERS NATO STANDARDIZATION AND FORCE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE RELATIVE MILITARY POSITIONS OF GREECE AND TURKEY INDICATES THAT THIS PROPOSED SALE OF HELICOPTERS TO GREECE WOULD NOT DESTABILIZE THE PRESENT MILITARY BALANCE. UNQUOTE

3. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF THIS CERTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS.

4. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED IF ANY ACTION IS TAKEN BY CONGRESS WITHIN NEXT THIRTY DAYS OBJECTING TO THIS PROPOSED SALE. CHRISTOPHER

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